Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
October 26, 2025 – Reformation Sunday

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
C: Amen.

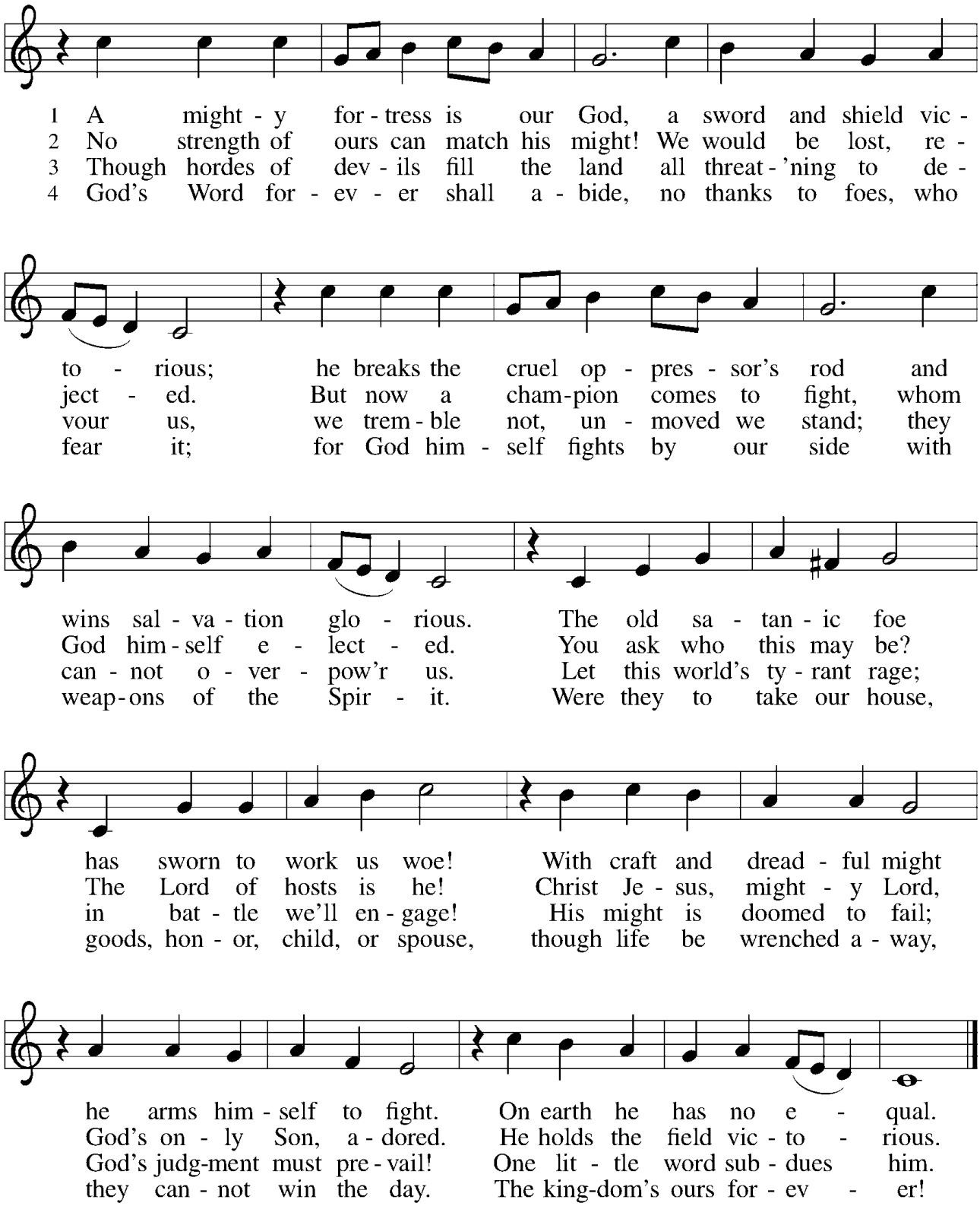
P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,
C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 504

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic - to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re - ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way, they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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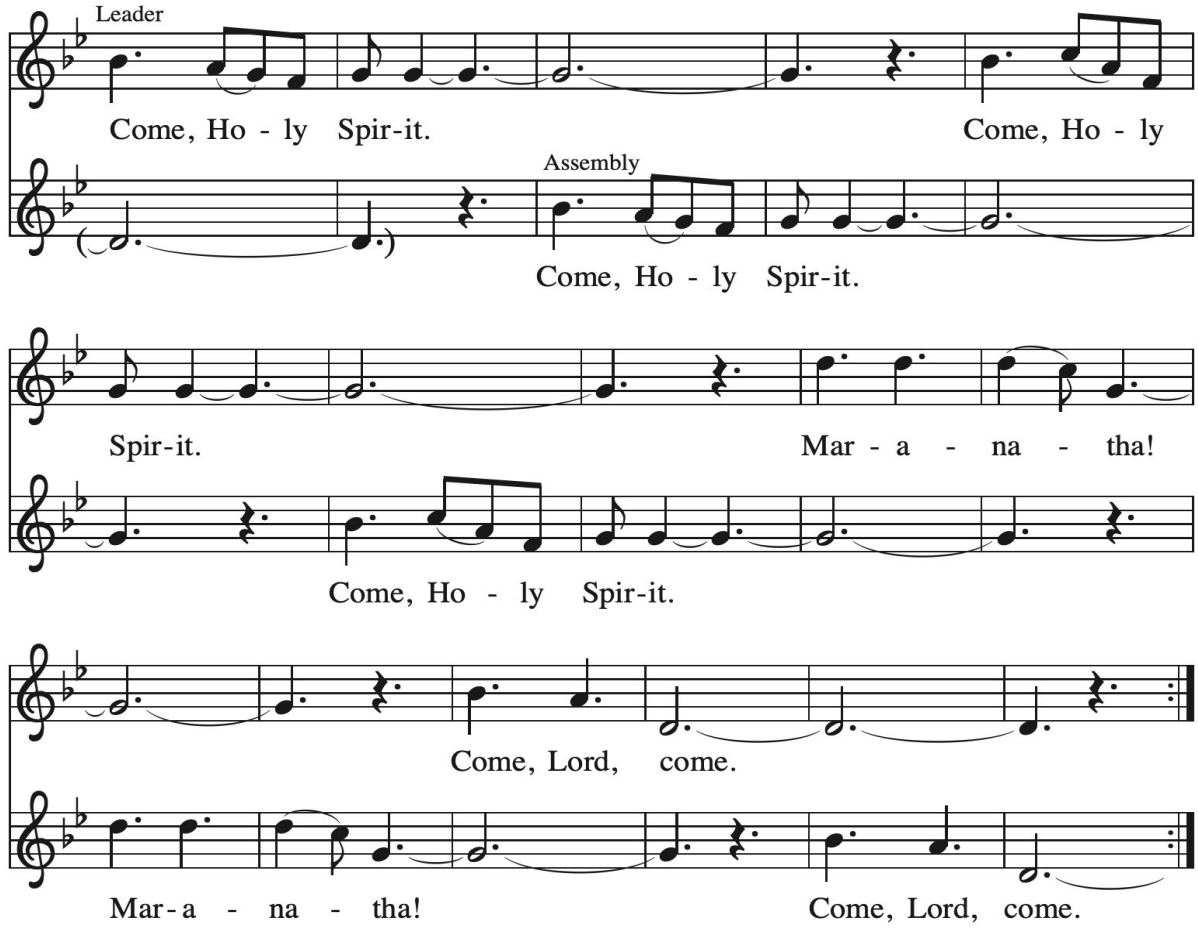

Text: Iona Community
Music: COME, HOLY SPIRIT (IONA), Iona Community
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

A: A reading from Jeremiah.

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant
that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out
of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says
the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after
those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on
their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall
they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all
know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive
their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC *"A Mighty Fortress"*

Emmanuel Handbell Choir

PSALM: Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
3 though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

6 **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
8 **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
9 behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
10 **"Be still, then, and know that I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

A: A reading from Romans.

19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

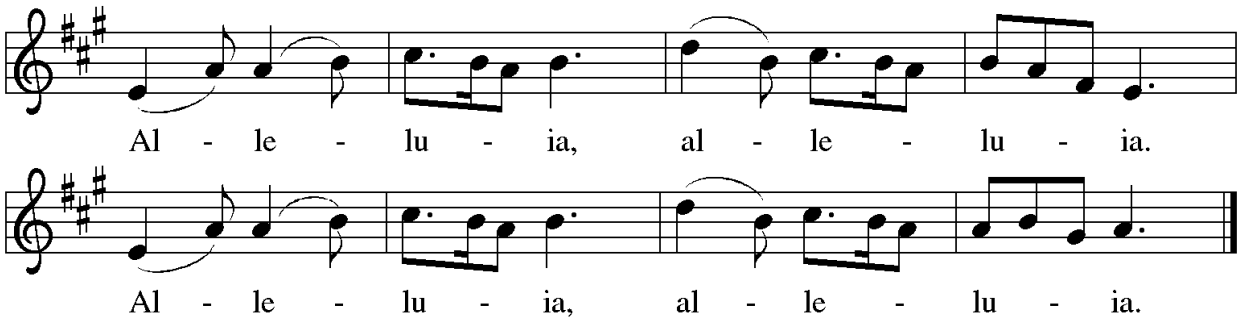
21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: John 8:31-23

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

P: The Gospel according to John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you
are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you
free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never
been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a
slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son
has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

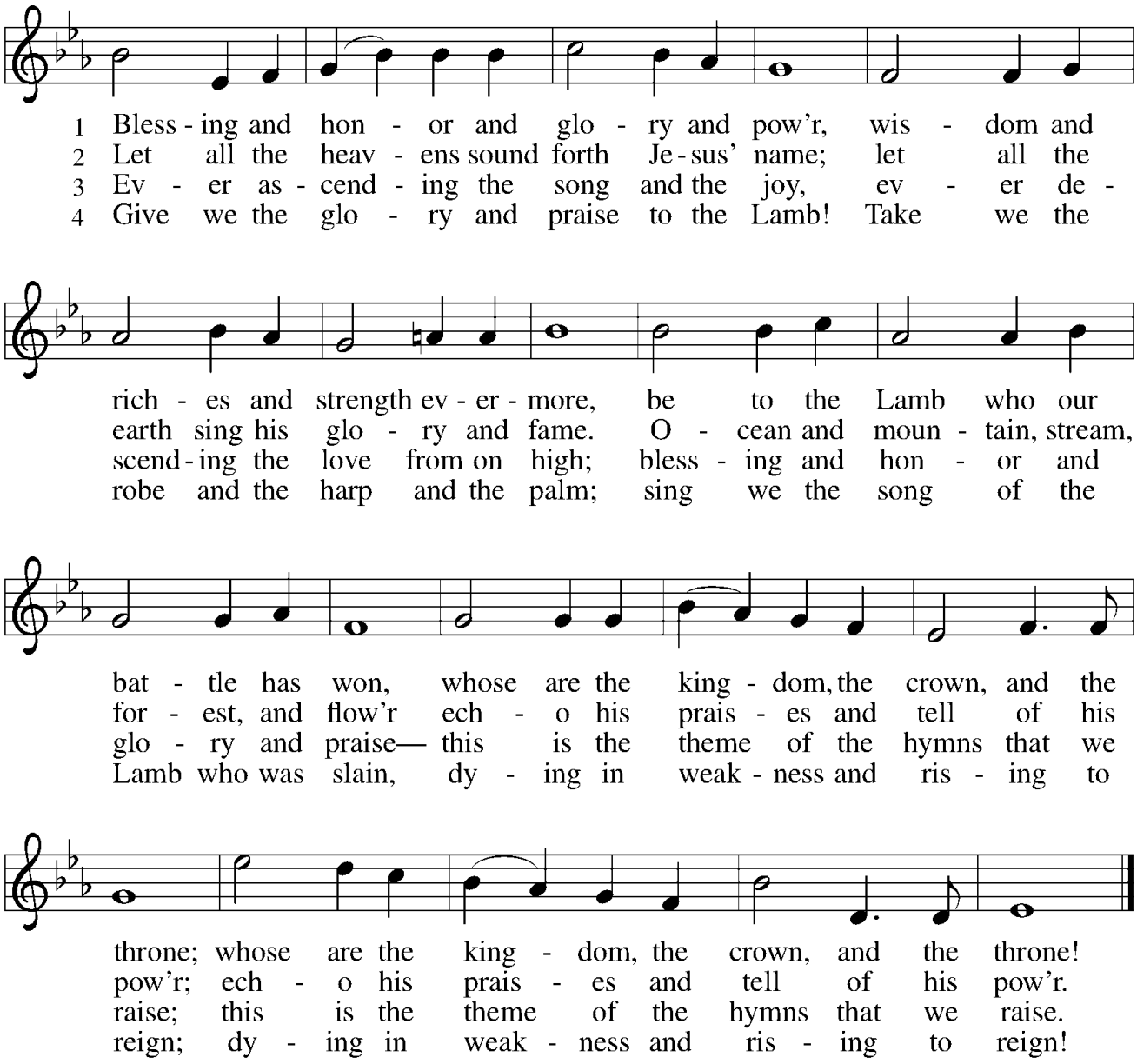
CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 854

"Blessing and Honor"

1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the
earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -
scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and
glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we
raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the
robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the
Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to
reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.
Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill especially John, Vicki, Elizabeth, Cora, Bonnie, Lew, Amanda, and Louise. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints especially Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, and Paul Gerhardt. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

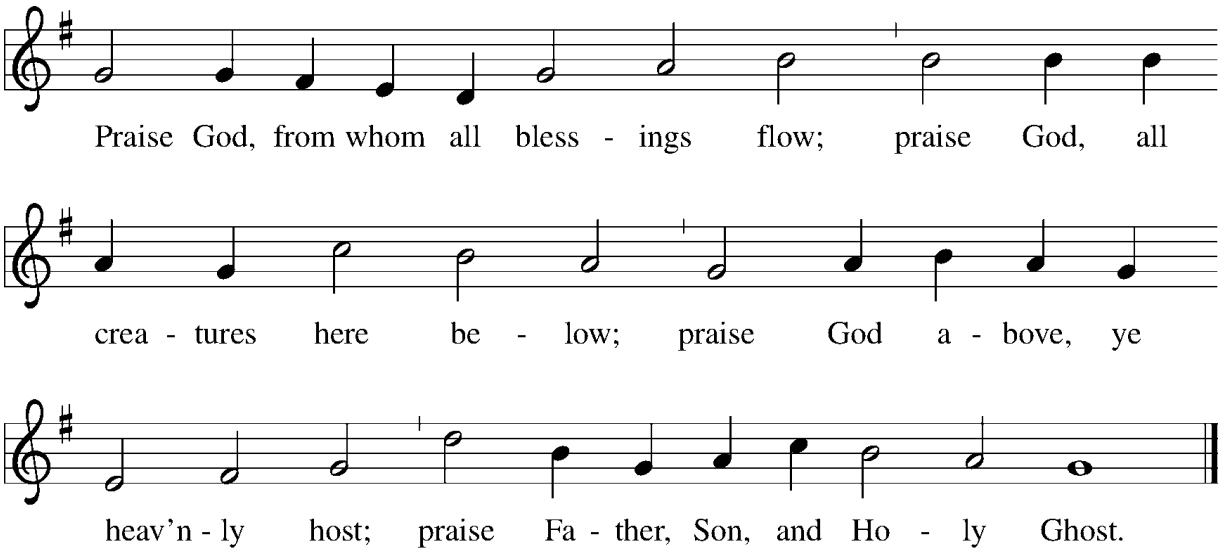
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

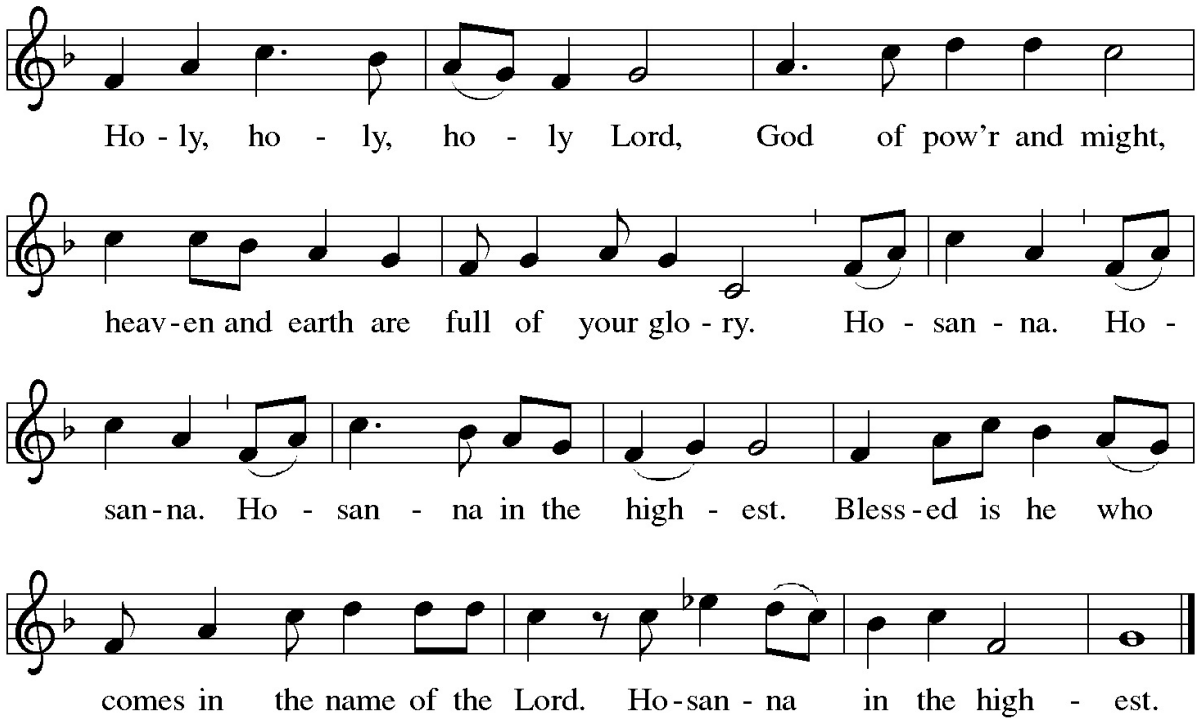
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

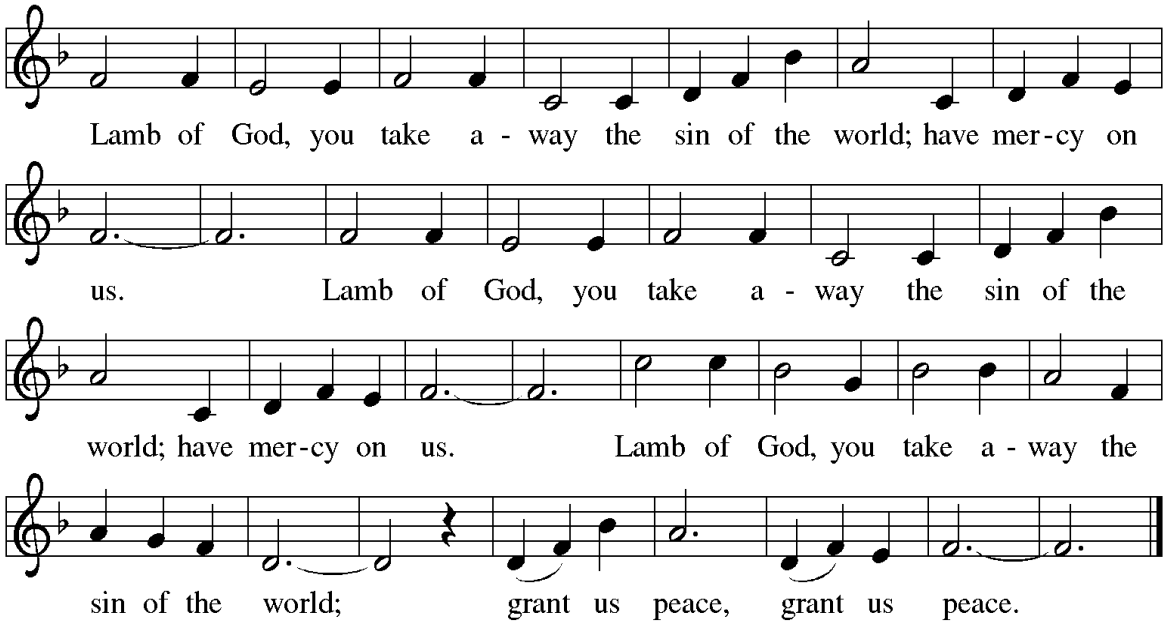
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

LAMB OF GOD


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN - *"Seed, Scattered and Sown"*

Text: Didache 9: I Corinthians 10; Mark 4; Dan Feiten
Music: Dan Feiten

[Refrain]
Seed, scattered and sown,
Wheat, gathered and grown,
Bread, broken and shared as one,
the Living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land,
Wine, work of our hands,
One cup that is shared by all,
The Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.

[Verse 1]
Is not the bread we break
a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless,
The blood of Christ out-poured?

[Verse 2]
The seed which falls on rock
Will wither and will die,
The seed within good ground
Will flower and have life.

[Verse 3]
As wheat upon the hills
Was gathered and was grown,
So may the Church of God
gathered into one.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

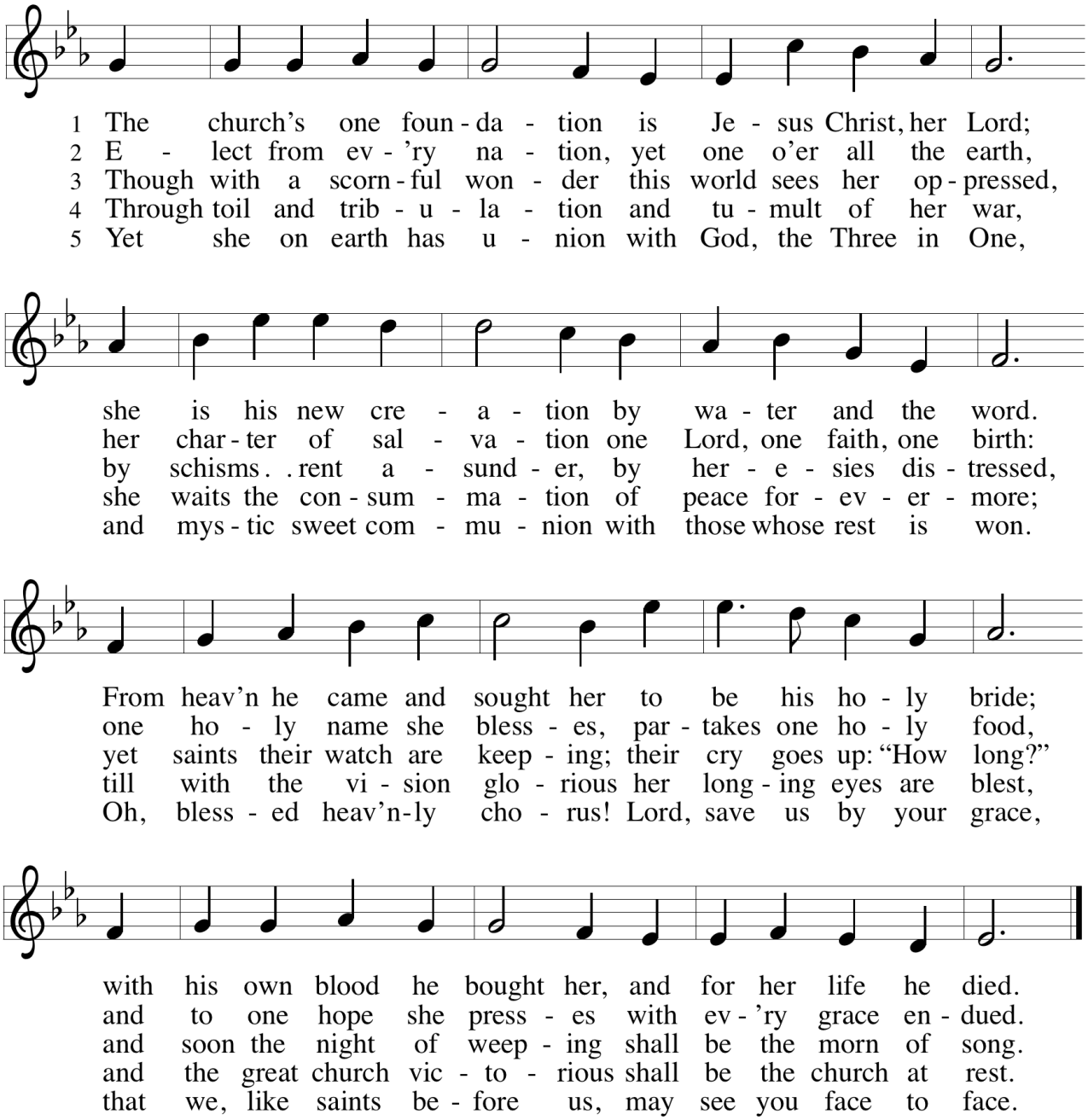
BLESSING

P: The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✢ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 654

"The Church's One Foundation"


1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
by schisms. . .rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (October - December) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Book of Remembrance

You are invited join Emmanuel's preparation for All Saints Day. This year we will have use a Book of Remembrance to help us remember and honor those who have gone before us. The image comes from scripture, Malachi 3:16 – Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. Our Book of Remembrance can be found on the podium in the narthex/lobby. Please write in the names of family and loved ones who have died. The right page is for those who have died since last All Saint's Day, November 3rd, 2024. The left page is for those who have died earlier.

BSA Troop 290 – 2025 Christmas Greens Sale

Decorate for the holidays with beautiful wreaths and greens! This sale helps cover the costs of Summer Camp for all girls and boys in our Troop. Please help by ordering fresh, beautiful greens for the holidays! Order forms can be found in the Narthex or contact Eric Maes. Order forms and full payment are due to the Troop by Sunday November 9th. Thank you for supporting Troop 290!

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is back, collecting Laundry Detergent for Washtenaw Refugee Welcome! Laundry pods or pacs are preferred as large packages of pods can be divided between families. Bring your donation of laundry detergent to the Giving Tree!

Needed weekly for Food Pantry! Around 40 boxes each week.

Any box 12"x12"x12" or up to 16"x16"x16" (or any size in between) shoe boxes are too small and not sturdy enough. If you find any while shopping, or get any boxes in the mail, please bring them to the church the next Sunday you come.

Boxes are packed with a box of oatmeal, box of pasta, box of macaroni and cheese, a bag of rice and up to 14 cans of food. Please leave any boxes near the Food Pantry shelves or Clothes Closet donation bin in the gathering area. Thank you!

Blessing Bags

Membership Committee is preparing to replenish the supply of Blessing Bags with needed supplies for our less fortunate friends. We are asking for assistance with donations of items such as; hats, gloves, scarves, and socks. As well as Kleenex, individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper, band-aids, toothbrushes, toothpaste. Snack items; fruit cups, pudding cups and other things that may be enjoyed, that our friends may not have access to. If you care to donate financially, we may be able to purchase bus tokens, which are always appreciated. To donate items, there's an area across from the office, if you care to donate funds, please see Jennifer. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Financial Progress Report –

Attendance Sunday 10/19/25: 61

This past week (Oct 13 – Oct 19) we received income of: $3,945

Approved Budget: $285,719 *Needed Weekly:* $5,495

For the month of September we had:

- *Income:** $27,558
- *Expenses:* $22,318
- *September Balance:* $ 5,240
  - *Positive Sept balance due to:*
    - Income exceeds expense.
    - Includes investments positive change in value as of 9-30-25

So far this year we have:

- *Income:* $245,886
- *Expenses:* $213,252
- *YTD Balance:* $32,634
  - *Favorable YTD balance due to:*
    - Investments positive change in value.
    - Bequest from estate of Barb Maes.
    - Many pledges have been paid in full the first half of the year.

Last year at September 30, 2024 our YTD balance was $ 5,752. Thank you for your support.

*Income will not include the change in value of the Ministry Growth Fund investment until after the 15th of the following month.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, October 26 – Reformation Sunday

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 28

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Transition Team Mtg. 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday, October 29

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, October 30

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:30pm
- YCC 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Friday, October 31

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints Sunday

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Birthday Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and to wish a Happy Birthday to my father, Michael Shingledecker (Oct 2) and my son, Seth Shingledecker (Oct 15).
Given by Shane Shingledecker

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground" is located at the front of the church. We welcome and encourage families with children to use this area; where your children can quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Please don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones!

Prayers requested for: John, Vicki, Elizabeth, Cora, Bonnie, Lew, Amanda, Louise, Bob and Diane.

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